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## SCHOOLS

### Monson High School hosts graduation



In a special turn of events, graduates were handed their diploma by their parent or legal guardian.

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MONSON – Last Friday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, the special day for the seniors of Monson High School finally arrived. The school hosted a hybrid graduation, which gave students and their families a chance at receiving a proper send-off, which was almost robbed from them due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning at 4 p.m., two carloads of people at a time made their way through the MHS parking lots to the front of the school, stepped outside and cheered on the graduating student as they received their diploma. Afterwards, they went over and had their pictures professionally taken before taking off while getting cheered on. A special twist was that the students received their diplomas from their parents and received a decorative banner with a picture of themselves, with

customized face masks, courtesy of Kathy Mastorikas and a custom coin provided by town administrator Evan Brassard.

Valedictorian Haley Fennerey, third in class Cassandra Daegenais and class president Theresa Nissenbaum also had a chance to record their speeches and have them posted on YouTube, specifically at <https://bit.ly/322Njuv>.

Many staff members, such as the director of counseling Robert

Bardwell, were pleased to provide this chance to help the students celebrate reaching this milestone, despite having the rest of their senior year cancelled.

“This class will be remembered as one that will be different, and I feel bad for the kids, but I think they handled it well,” said Bardwell. “They’re going to go off and do great things.”

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## TOWN GOVERNMENT

### Palmer Masterplan Steering Committee prepares for next forum

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PALMER – Following their July 15 forum, the Palmer Masterplan Steering Committee is currently preparing for their next one, scheduled for Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., which will be focusing on economic development.

Dave Golden, chairperson of the steering committee, said this meeting is one of six subject-focused forums based on various elements that make up the masterplan, which is a 10- to 15-year plan intended to improve the town of Palmer.

During the forum, Golden also said this upcoming forum is going to provide a summary of the town’s economic profile.

“That’s going to help us seek to understand how we can strengthen

our economic base here in Palmer by looking at jobs, income and local and regional opportunity,” said Golden. “This will help us develop the objectives that’s going to allow for a preliminary list of strategies to address these issues.” He also

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– Dave Golden

said the goal of this forum is to get as much information from the residents as possible, because this is all based on residents’ vision for Palmer.

Golden said economic devel-

opment is, if not the most important, a significant factor in the development of Palmer.

“If our businesses are thriving, then our residents feel good about the town and business owners feel good about having opened

a business here,” said Golden. “If somebody is looking to move to the town or someone is looking to open a business, the economic development is definitely a major part of that.”

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## HEALTH/Wellness

### COVID cases increase in Palmer

*Nine active cases in town as of last week*

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PALMER – The coronavirus has been spreading into more outbreaks across the country recently – even Palmer has seen an increase in cases, and town manager Ryan McNutt asked everyone to remember “this thing is still with us.”

An employee at the McDonald’s in Palmer recently tested positive for COVID-19, and there was a mini outbreak at Baystate Wing Hospital recently, McNutt said at the Palmer Town Council’s Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

“Until the vaccine is developed, which will be probably second quarter next year, we’re going to continue to experience this thing... and need to make short-term sacrifices” like continuing to wear face masks in public, McNutt said.

Since May, the town had almost no positive cases reported until recently.

“We went for a good period

of time; now, we have 9 currently active,” McNutt said. “They’re coming in batches of three, and all younger people – we have some ten-year-olds, some 18-year-olds.”

There were some commonalities in the cases, McNutt said, suggesting some had been partying and not social distancing.

McNutt asked the public to continue to make efforts including social distancing and wearing masks in order to protect the health of everyone, but town council member Phil Hebert said he felt this was “trying to control people’s lives.”

“This is no worse number-wise in deaths than the flu that you have

a vaccine for,” Hebert said. “You’re stepping all over different constitutional rights” by limiting travel, for instance, he said.

Hebert said his main concern was being involved in a civil lawsuit.

“I think we’ve gone way too far above and beyond controlling people’s lives,” Hebert said. “We are not slaves of the government we pay... it’s very sad that you’re killing more people’s lives than are being saved.”

Hebert was elected to the council by way of write-in vote in June this year, with 15 votes.

## EDUCATION



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden  
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, located on 240 Sykes St., Palmer.

### Pathfinder announces reopening plan

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PALMER – Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School is currently gearing up for the upcoming school year and with COVID-19 serving as a national threat, staff and faculty will be taking the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of their students while reopening in a hybrid model.

The plan, specifically titled the “2020/2021 Pathfinder Reopening Plan,” lists different phases, which

pans out over several weeks.

In phase one, beginning on Aug. 31, the staff is expected to return to school and from that day to Monday, Sept. 14, staff will receive professional training.

In phase two, freshmen students will return to school in a hybrid plan and all others will be remote beginning on Sept. 15, which is the first official day of school for students.

In phase three, all vocational

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## CONVERSATION

### Palmer trails and land: cool spots for warm days

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PALMER – Although we’re in August and the summer heat is slowly simmering down, the weather is still nice enough for trail walking, and in the Palmer area, there are plenty of spots to check out.

Angela Panaccione, Conservation agent and stormwater coordinator, said Burleigh Park, Swift River Green Belt and Midura Family Conservation Land are a few recommended sites.

Swift River, located at First Street in Bondsville, is a 17-acre park that allows rod and fly fishing, canoeing, hiking trails and more. Panaccione also said this trail is considered “universally accessible” with several resting spots.

“It’s good for people who are in wheelchairs or for family with strollers who can do little laps there,” said Panaccione.

The park is open from dawn until dusk. Activities that are offered in this area are rod and fly fishing, canoeing, hiking trails and dog walking, nature study, photography and more.

The Midura Family Conservation Land, located on 568 Warren Rd. has 222 Acres and four points of interest include Old McMaster Road, Trail Network, Meadows and Kings Brook.

“We just added another hundred-acre parcel last year that they previously hadn’t had the opportunity to map,” said Panaccione. “We

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## MONSON

### Officials to address National Grid response during storm

*Some critical roads were left blocked in tradeoff to restore electricity to more customers*

**By Elise Linscott**  
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MONSON – During Tropical Storm Isaias earlier this month, nearly 90 percent of the town lost power and five roads were completely blocked to cars and emergency vehicles.

And despite town officials providing a list to National Grid prioritizing which streets to clear and restore, town administrator Evan Brassard said the crews left those streets blocked while restoring power to greater numbers of customers.

“We had five roads totally blocked and not accessible by am-

balance or fire – luckily, we didn’t run into anything,” Brassard said. “But we had people literally trapped on the other side of (where crews were restoring power) ... One person is a frequent user of our medical services and that was our number one concern.”

Brassard said the road could have been cleared with what’s called a “cut and push.”

“That’s all we were looking for, to cut the line,” Brassard said. “Once we know the lines aren’t energized, I’m comfortable sending our folks there... we’ll deal with it after, but today we need to get there. So, that was extremely frustrating.”

Brassard said he didn’t think the problem was with the local National Grid representative, but rather somewhere higher up the chain of command.

“It’s definitely something I’m going to bring up with leadership,” Brassard said. “That’s never happened before.”





# First American Insurance Agency acquires Morin & Foy Insurance Inc.

**By Jonah Snowden**  
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BRIMFIELD – On July 24<sup>th</sup>, it was officially announced that First American Insurance Agency, an independent insurance firm, acquired Morin & Foy Insurance Inc. in the town of Brimfield.

Corey Murphy, president of First American Insurance, said the current employees and everything else will essentially remain the same, aside from some name changes.

“The building’s going to stay the same,” said Murphy. “We’ll have a few new insurance companies that we can work with, because we’re bringing a few from Chicopee that we had and there’s a few from here we didn’t have, so we can combine those.”

Murphy also said he is hoping that they can “bring a bit of support” to this new location.

“We’ve had someone here every day and, in some days, we’ve had multiple people come through, as far as from Chicopee,” said Murphy. He also said he also wants to bring some resources that he thinks will improve things and continue to help First American Insurance’s customers in this new area.

Regarding the purchasing of this Brimfield location, Murphy said there were several reasons why this decision was necessary.

“It caught my attention and interest because I think from what I began to see, is the operation here is really good,” said Murphy. “They do well here, and I think they’ve got a nice business going here. I thought that they would mesh with how we like to try to do things, so I thought it would be an easy combination of the town.” He also said the process to acquire this building began in April and finished in mid-July.

First American Insurance Agency’s services include specializing in personal, business, and group insurance. Murphy



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden  
**Morin & Foy Insurance Inc., which has been acquired by First American Insurance Agency, on 30 Sturbridge Rd., Brimfield.**

also said there is a focus on automotive, homeowner and personal products.

Considering the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that they are only taking appointments now, Murphy said the most efficient thing for anyone interested in learning more would be by making a phone call. By doing that the customer can talk with a representative about what there are interested in doing and can be guided through what materials they need to bring.

“A lot of stuff can be over the phone or online and we can take care of a lot of

that stuff, but sometimes you eventually need to come in and sign some paperwork, but we do have digital signatures and everything is pretty efficient electronically, so the best way would be to make a phone call,” said Murphy.

Going forward, Murphy simply said he is also looking forward to working closely with other businesses and organizations in the community. “We’re very community oriented,” said Murphy. “We’ve support schools, different organizations around town and have every intention of doing the same thing here. For us, it’s going to be interesting to get to know the Brimfield area and learn about how we can help the community.”

To learn more about First American Insurance, call 413-245-6864.

# No Family Left Behind



**Norman Guerette and Tom Vyzga of the Knights of Columbus Palmer Council #376 present Father Rick Turner with a check for over \$600 that the Knights of Columbus raised for the No Family Left Behind fund.**

# Registering to vote for the State Primary; early voting days at clerk's office

PALMER – The last day to register for the State Primary is Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Early voting will be held at the Town Clerk’s office Saturday and Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. to noon, and from August 24<sup>th</sup> through Aug 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Any questions, please call the clerk’s office at (413) 283-2608.

# Memorial service and celebration of life for Mark Henrich on Saturday

PALMER – There will be a memorial service for Mark Henrich with calling hours on Saturday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 1 -3 p.m. at the Beers & Story Funeral Home in Palmer, followed by a celebration of Mark’s life at 3 p.m.

# Patricia Poehler of Palmer wins Adult Accordion Championship at New England Music Festival

BOSTON – Over 100 Falcetti Music students of Springfield competed virtually in the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Music Festival. The competition includes many music studios throughout New England and over 800 entries were received by the music committee, chaired by Peggy Falcetti of Wilbraham.

After postponing the event, which was to be held during the last weekend of March at the Boston Marriott in Newton, the competition was originally moved to the last weekend in July. This event usually draws 2,000-3,000 people over the competition weekend. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the association was unable to hold this event at the Boston Marriott Newton this year, and had to transition to a virtual competition. Mike Silvia, a member of The Accordion Teachers Associ-

ation of Massachusetts (ATAM), was the virtual competition coordinator and was instrumental in making this competition a reality.

This decision did not come easily, but was determined to be the safest and most effective way to hold the competition during the uncertain times of COVID-19. With this transition to a virtual competition, the students who had worked so hard to prepare their competition pieces were still able to perform.

With categories for accordion, bass, drums, guitar, piano, voice, and violin players, there is a wide variety of musicians represented. Besides the student categories, there were also adult categories as well. Some of the local judges adjudicating the video performances were Robert Ferrier (Coordinator of Jazz Studies at HCC), Ron Cal-



abrese (50 years of teaching and performance experience), and Angela Bowker (Longmeadow Middle School & Chestnut Middle School). All of the bands, orchestras, and ensembles were unfortunately unable to perform due to the inability to gather in larger groups to practice and

record their performance, especially with the temporary closure of Falcetti Music’s store.

ATAM, which sponsors this event, also distributes \$3,000 in cash awards and scholarships. This year’s annual music scholarship was awarded to Miriam Felzenstein, a student of Carol Adamski-Maggi’s at Falcetti Music. Miriam is a resident of Longmeadow and will be attending Yeshiva University in New York City. Locally, the Voice Championship was won by Angela Falcetti of Ludlow, the Guitar Championship was won by Wilson Kibbe of Enfield, Conn. and the Adult Accordion Championship was won by Patricia Poehler of Palmer. Congratulations to all of the contestants who competed in one of the largest, if not the largest, virtual music competitions in the country.

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*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

## Palmer compost area summer schedule

**PALMER** – The compost area will be opened the third Saturday in July, August and September to afford town residents the opportunity to drop off leaves and grass clippings at the compost area off of Old Warren Road Palmer. Please place leaves and grass clippings in brown paper bags and do not drop off and place up against gate. Reminder: Please practice social distancing. Any questions, please call the DPW at (413) 283-2615.

Date	Time
Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## FEMA approves \$207,581 to the Springfield Fire Department

**BOSTON** – The Springfield Fire Department will receive \$207,581 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The grant will be used for reimbursement and/or purchase of emergency medical personal protective equipment (PPE) and disinfection/decontamination supplies and equipment used in their responses to COVID-19 incidents.

The primary goal of the AFG is to meet the fire-fighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

This grant is funded through FEMA's AFG program. Eligible applicants include local fire departments, fire districts, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, tribal fire departments and State Fire Training Academies. The grant applications are submitted from each agency directly to FEMA, where the applications are reviewed and scored by fire service personnel from throughout the nation.

FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the recipient agencies. It is the recipient agency's responsibility to manage their grant award within federal guidelines with technical assistance and monitoring provided by FEMA Fire Program Specialists.

Additional information about FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters grant programs may be found at <https://www.fema.gov/firegrants>.

# Troop 164's Boy Scouts make repairs to Second Congregational Church



Troop 164 Boy Scouts working on a staircase at Second Congregational Church.

By Jonah Snowden  
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**PALMER** – Last weekend, scouts from Boy Scout Troop 164 helped their friend Anthony Serricchio with his Eagle Scout Project.

The Eagle Scout Award is the highest rank that can be achieved in scouting. The service project that must be completed to receive the award, requires the scout to demonstrate leadership, have organizational skills acquired and learned through the ranks.

Serricchio's project, which began last week, is to help fix up the Second Congregational Church, by first scraping off and wire brushing old paint and later repainting and preboarding the outside of the building.

One of the reasons why Serricchio chose Second Congregational is because it is their charter church and hopes that church moderator Barbara Larkin will like the work they've done.

Fellow scouts, such as Thomas Traugh, were happy to support Serricchio and their charter church.

"I enjoy painting so it's not to bad," said Traugh. "It feels good to help the church."

Scout hunter Cienciwa, who was in attendance for the project, said he enjoys taking on these types of responsibilities.

"It's something that's important to me" said Cienciwa. "I'm an Eagle Scout myself and I love giving back to the community and doing this kind of stuff."

Scoutmaster Bill Mullen said eagle projects are beneficial for the scouts. "It's all part of building character, training people to be come productive, dissipating citizens at some point in their lives," said Mullen. He also said it teaches them self-reliance, new skills, problem solving techniques, how to work with others and more.

To learn more about Troop 164, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Troop-164Palmer/>.



Eagle Scout Hunter Cienciwa painting a pillar.

Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden



Troop 164 Boy Scout Anthony Serricchio.

## WWLP-22News to broadcast debate between Neal, Morse

**CHICOPEE** – WWLP-22News announced it will broadcast a live debate between the candidates seeking the Democratic Party nomination for United States Congress from Massachusetts' First Congressional District, incumbent Richard Neal (D-1st) and Mayor Alex Morse of Holyoke, MA. The debate will take place on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. at the 22News studios in Chicopee, MA. 22News Anchor Rich Tetterer will serve as moderator.

The debate will also be streamed live on WWLP.com.

Massachusetts' First Congressional District includes all of Berkshire County and parts of Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties. Representatives to the U.S. Congress are elected for two-year terms. The Massachusetts Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

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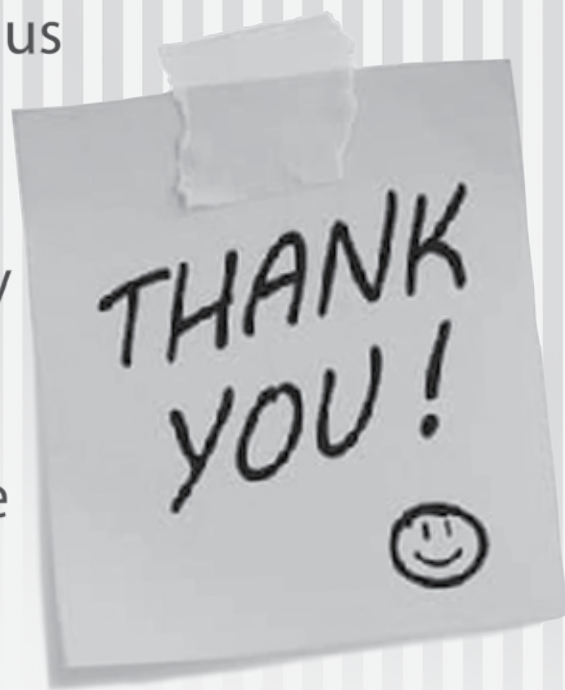
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Viewpoints

Editorial

Fighting COVID burnout: (Still) keeping busy at home

Recently, I've been reading in the news about the very real burnout most of us are feeling around the pandemic. We're tired of having to distance and carry our masks with us everywhere and not hug our loved ones, especially when we don't know how much longer we'll need to continue.

As the global situation and health data continue to evolve, I've been thinking about ways to maintain my self-care and look for the little joys in daily life. This summer, I've been frequenting pick-your-own farms, and there are several in the area with fruits like peaches, and flower farms that let you craft your own bouquet and pay by weight, or pick up an already-made arrangement. For me, adding a little color and life to my living room brightens my spirit, and a pick-your-own bouquet usually costs me under \$10 (unless I chose heavier flowers like sunflowers or dahlias).

The recent weather has lent itself wonderfully to hiking and other outdoor activities – even reading or having lunch in the grass in a park or the backyard is a nice change of scenery.

I've also been enjoying going into shops and restaurants again, too, and the bottle of lavender-scented hand sanitizer spray in my purse doesn't even smell bad.

However much of a nuisance it is to wear masks on hot days and wash our hands constantly, it's important we maintain those safety practices so that one day, we won't need to anymore, and hopefully with as little loss of human life as possible. It's making an investment now with minor inconveniences in order to preserve the health of our neighbors, friends and loved ones.

How are you fighting COVID burnout? What are your go-to favorite activities? We'd love to hear your suggestions on our Facebook page or in a message to editor Elise Linscott, [elinscott@turley.com](mailto:elinscott@turley.com).

Covid Chaos

July 16-24, 2020

Now we see what it's really like  
The cases, the numbers, the rising spike.  
This sickness is really taking its toll  
Not yet reaching its final goal.

There's more and more symptoms every day  
It's now affecting the youth they say.  
It can damage any part of the body it wants  
The whole world's emotions it constantly taunts.

New vaccines are being tried  
But too many loved ones have already died.  
This dangerous bandit caught us by surprise  
We must see through the doctor's eyes.  
And protect our friends the best we can  
And take good care of our fellow man.

Dwayne Lyons

In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

Last week, I had to stop on two different occasions to let wild turkey hens and their polts cross the road. Both times the turkeys included several hens with their broods.

There was a time when wild turkeys no longer existed in the state. A reintroduction of these native birds proved successful. Now, people see wild turkeys on a regular basis.

The wild turkey is easily identified by its turkey shape and large size, 36 to 49 inches. Its body is brown and iridescent. The head is naked. The male or Tom is larger and more iridescent than the female. The male also has a beard, a tuft of hair like feathers on its breast. The female usually lacks the beard, but there are some bearded hens.

Wild turkeys inhabit open forest, forest edges and wooded swamps. They feed on the ground eating nuts, acorns and seeds. They also eat grains, vegetation, insects, frogs and lizards.

The hen turkey lays six to 20 eggs with buff marks placed in a nest placed in a natural or scraped depression on the ground. The hen lines the nest with leaves and grasses. The females raise the young.

Wild turkeys make gobbling, yelping and clucking noises. In courtship, the male struts and gobbles with its tail feathers fanned. The female responds with a yelping call. Males may mate with many females during the breeding season.

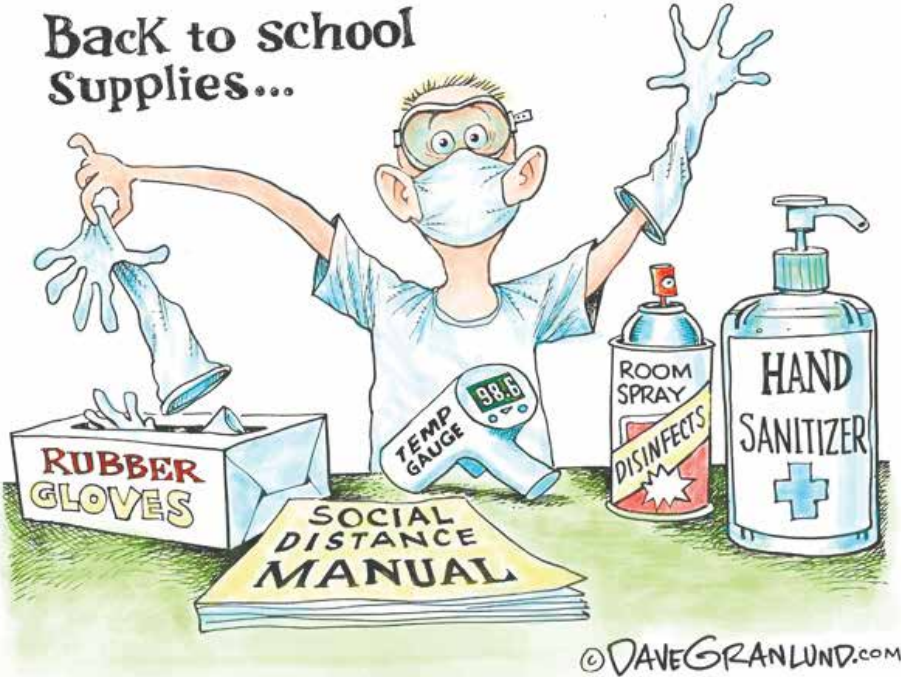
Bear with two cubs

Last week, about two hours before I saw a flock of hens and their polts, I saw a black bear female with two cubs cross in about the same area of the road. I was glad to be in my car and not walking along the road. There were two cars behind me. One car pulled off the road on the side the trio entered a wooded area. The driver most likely hoped to see them again as they walked in the woods.

A talked to a resident of the area and she said she has seen two females each with two cubs.

Cardinal in the sun

Last week, a male cardinal landed on a fallen



Tender herbs need not disappear with the first frost

As we approach Labor Day, my mind drifts back to an article I read as a teenager, long before I was ever the Garden Lady. It talked about extending the life of tender herbs, plants like rosemary, scented geraniums, fruity sages and the like that don't survive a New England winter. Up until that point, I would dig these plants up before the first hard frost and try overwintering them in my house. Not an easy feat when living in a well-insulated ranch style home. We did OK, even managing to keep a rosemary alive for several years in a row, but there was a better, more space-conscious way to save these plants from Jack Frost. Simply take a cutting!

Getting a piece of stem to form roots is relatively easy. Here are a few tips that will guarantee your success. First, make sure that the plant you are taking the cuttings from, called the "stock plant," is insect and disease-free and well hydrated. Plan to take cuttings in the morning before the heat of the day has a chance to cause any wilting. A clean, sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners is the best tool for the job. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season, but keep in mind that the closer it gets to frost, the more difficult it will be to get it to root. Like us, the plant is preparing for winter so act soon!

Begin by examining your stock plant. Those stems with the closest placed nodes are the best choice for cutting material. Nodes are the point on the stem from which the leaves grow. There is a strong accumulation of hormones in this area; for that reason stem cuttings are taken just after a node. Terminal cuttings from the growth tip, which are three to four inches long are desirable. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant. These are likely to wilt before they root or take a very long time to root because the stems are woodier the further down you go. Play it safe with stout cuttings.

There are all kinds of potting mediums in which to place the cutting while it is grows roots. Ideally it should be able to hold enough moisture to keep the cutting turgid yet not hold so much that it rots the

stem. Sand, perlite and soilless potting mixes have all been used with success. Water is not recommended as "watery roots" will have a harder time adapting to potting soil later on. I have had good luck rooting cuttings in peat-based potting mixes that are formulated for seed starting. Moisten the material well and fill your clean container of choice up to the top and tamp it down.

Take only a few cuttings at a time so that wilting doesn't occur while you prepare the stems for insertion into the growing medium. Strip off the bottom one-third of leaves from the cutting. If you wish to shorten the amount of time it takes for rooting to occur, a commercial rooting hormone can be used. These come in powder or liquid forms. Follow the directions on the container. I have found that "less is more" when using these products.

When you are ready to "stick" the cutting make an indentation into the growing medium with a pencil or dibble first; do not push in with the stem! After the cutting is inserted firm around it well so that it stays in place. Put the container, cuttings and all in a clear plastic bag and place in a shady location. The humidity within the bag ought to prevent the stems from wilting. Water well, only about once weekly. After a month or so roots will begin to form on the scented geraniums; rosemary and lavender may take six weeks or more. Sweet bay is even slower; it should be rooted within six months.

Transplanting into individual pots can be done once the roots equal or surpass the size of the cutting. With some luck and good cultural practices through the winter months you will likely have a garden-ready replacement for your favorite tender herbs come springtime.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

About the virtues of claiming benefits early

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: It seems like we are always encouraged to wait until our full retirement age or age 70 to claim our Social Security. For me, benefits at age 62 were a good jump start to my retirement. How about listing the many benefits to early (age 62) retirement? And at what age does it become a liability, if ever? Signed: Happily retired at age 78

Dear Happily Retired: You're correct that most financial advisors and Social Security advisors, including me, frequently encourage people to delay claiming Social Security until at least their full retirement age (FRA). And that's because far too many claim their benefits as soon as they are available at age 62 "because it's there," without evaluating whether that's a smart move for them personally. There are many reasons why it's best to wait, but there are also some very good reasons for claiming benefits at age 62. Let's explore those.

Claiming at age 62 is exactly the right move if you are in poor health and don't expect to live a long life. Benefits taken age 62 are

25% less for those with a full retirement age (FRA) of 66, and 30% less if your FRA is 67. But those reductions become insignificant if you don't expect to live a long, healthy life from that point forward. If you wait until your FRA, it takes about 12 years to collect the same amount in total benefits as if you had claimed at age 62.

Even if you are in decent health now, if your family history and your lifestyle suggest less than average longevity, claiming before your FRA, as early as 62, may be a prudent choice. By "lifestyle" I mean, for example, whether you exercise regularly, smoke or drink excessively or drive without a seatbelt. There are several life expectancy calculators available which can assist with predicting your life expectancy by evaluating your family history and lifestyle, including those available at this website: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>. Just remember that no one can accurately forecast how long they will live but making an informed decision on when to claim should consider your estimated longevity, among other things.

If collecting your Social Security benefits early is needed to

help pay for life's necessities, such as food, housing, and out-of-pocket medical costs, then claiming as early as age 62, or any other time before your FRA, could be exactly the right choice. In other words, the need for the money now is a driving force in deciding when to claim.

Which brings me to your point that claiming at age 62 was a "jump start" to your retirement, allowing you to begin enjoying your golden years much earlier than you might have otherwise been able to. There's a lot to be said for taking benefits early to fulfill your bucket list while you're still young enough to enjoy it. And, from your signature, it looks like you've been putting that extra Social Security money to good use for many years now. Good for you! Now, at age 78, you've reached your "breakeven point" where, if you had waited until your FRA to claim, your cumulative lifetime benefits would hereafter be more than they will be because you claimed at 62. That may not, however, offset the many years of happy retirement you've been able to enjoy because you took your benefits early.

In the end, deciding when to claim Social Security should be done after carefully evaluating your

personal situation. Anyone who claims benefits before their full retirement age must beware of Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before your benefits are affected. But those who can afford to wait and who expect to live to a ripe old age would do well to consider delaying until their full retirement age, or even beyond, to claim their Social Security benefits. If their life expectancy is at least "average" they'll collect much more in cumulative lifetime benefits by doing so.

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The faith we place in our elections

By Lee H. Hamilton  
Guest columnist

I've lost track of the times over the years I've heard a politician say, "This is the most important election of my lifetime." In fact, I've said it myself. And I'm sure we all believed it at the time. But in my case, at least, I know I was wrong in the past. Because this year's election is the most important of my lifetime.

Elections are the crown jewel of a representative democracy. We do at least three things when we vote. First, and most obviously, we vote for our preferred candidates. Second, by doing so we vote to direct policy and to give the party we favor more control over the levers of power. Third, and possibly most important, by voting we place our stamp of approval on the system—we participate in it, reinforce it, and trust it to carry our voice. Then, whatever the result, we accept it.

This is actually one of the remarkable things about the American political system—the degree to which Americans over the centuries have placed their faith in election results, win or lose. Occasionally there are charges of voter fraud, but overwhelmingly we accept the results and express confidence in the fairness, transparency and integrity of the election process. It's been a vitally important part of our system that we've taken too much for granted.

This allegiance to the idea that the process matters more than personal conviction has come even from politicians who had a right to object. The most obvious recent example is Al Gore in 2000, after votes left uncounted because of the Supreme Court cost him the election. Bitter supporters urged him not to accept the result and to challenge the legitimacy of the process. Instead, in his concession speech, Gore said, "Other disputes have dragged on for weeks before reaching resolution. And each time, both the victor and the vanquished have accepted the result peacefully and in the spirit of reconciliation.... [O]ur disappointment must be overcome by our love of country."

That was a bare 20 years ago and look how far we've strayed. This year, it's fair to say, Americans' trust in the election process is at best unsettled. Many are worried about foreign meddling. But that's nothing compared to the undermining coming from the very top: A sitting president who refuses, so far at least, to say whether he will accept the results of the election, who floats the idea of postponing it, who questions the validity of the venerable absentee ballot, and who talks constantly about "corrupt" elections. In fact, Susan Glasser writes in The New Yorker, since 2012 Donald Trump has "questioned voting or suggested that an election would be rigged, unfair, or otherwise compromised" 712 times. This year alone he was closing in on 100 times when her article was published. No wonder a lot of Americans of both parties worry about the legitimacy of the results in November.

Now, it's not uncommon to hear charges of voter fraud, but study after study has found that actual voter fraud in the US is rare. It's possible in a city or town, but if you think about how our national elections are run—in 50 states, each with its own rules, and each locality controlling the electoral process—it's hard to see how fraud could take place on any sizable scale.

Which is not to say there aren't problems. Chicanery from politicians bent on disenfranchising voters whose politics they don't like and decades of underfunding the actual machinery of elections give us plenty to be concerned about.

But here's the thing. We have over 200 years of success at transferring power peacefully, often between political leaders who disagreed vehemently with one another. That has been one of the keys to American success. I'm not alone in thinking of this year's vote as the most important of my lifetime, and woe betide us if our confidence in the result—which will play a big part in our willingness to accept the result—is betrayed by politicians seeking to game the system or by elections officials who don't live up to the trust Americans place in them to get it right.

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figure once they finish that area itself will have close to 13 miles.”

This land offers trout fishing in Kings Brook, hunting (with proper permits), hiking trails, nature study, photography and more. Midura is open from dawn to dusk.

Panaccione also said they made this area dog friendly.

“It’s the only one where we allow off-leash dogs; they just have to be within sight and voice control,” said Panaccione. “That was one of the things that the commission did because, for a long time, people wanted a dog park.”

Burleigh Park, located on Old Warren Road, has a variety of activities to offer to the public. At the park two soccer fields, 12 horse-shoe pits, five hiking and biking paths and more are available. The park hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In these areas, rules and regulations are common. In Swift River, there is no smoking and consumption of alcoholic beverages, no littering, plant removal or motorized vehicles allowed. Also, dogs must be on a leash.

At Burleigh, there is no smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages, no littering, plant removal, motorized vehicles, skateboards, golfing hunting, camping or fires and no dogs without a leash.

At Midura, smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages, no littering, plant or animal removal, motorized vehicles are prohibited. Panaccione said littering, especially during March became an issue, although since putting up signs, is not as big as in issue as it once was.

For more information on the conservation land trail maps, visit <https://bit.ly/3g9ShdV>.

**MASTERPLAN**

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to be interactive and that they need help from the residents of Palmer to find out what they see in terms of “their vision” for economic development, since he considers their involvement in these meetings to be the most important factor.

“We had over 1,000 people take part in the first forum and we’re hoping to have that again,” said Golden.

He also said questions for can the upcoming forum be asked ahead of time, by going to the master plan’s website or by contacting Development Director Linda Leduc’s office at (413) 283-2605 or [lleduc@town-ofpalmer.com](mailto:lleduc@town-ofpalmer.com).

“If they’re not comfortable doing it or they can’t be at forum, they can absolutely get it in ahead of time,” said Golden.

On the website, the specific link is <http://palmermasterplan.com/get-involved.html>. There, residents have access to previous public meetings, information on the upcoming ones and can also send in questions and comments.

## Palmer residents to participate in Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund

*Sandra Noonan and Karen Oliveira will “Walk Your Way” for the iconic fundraising walk for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to support all forms of cancer*

PALMER – Two residents from Palmer will choose their own route on October 4th for the annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Participants are encouraged to walk wherever they choose; around their neighborhood, a local hiking trail, a treadmill, or anywhere else they are comfortable.

Sandra Noonan and Karen Oliveira, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most inspiring elements of Walk day. While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon course, it will unite the community to raise funds to support

all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event has raised more than \$145 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 30-plus-year history.

“While we can’t see everyone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual programming which will give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,” said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. “Together, from a safe distance, we will take critical strides in the journey to conquer cancer.”

This year’s event will have a lower fundraising requirement (\$100 for adults and \$25 for those 12 years old and younger) and everyone will pay just a \$5 registration fee. Each walker who registers will receive a bib, and medal and the first 5,000 walkers to register will receive a commemorative Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

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and technical students will meet in-person, and academics will be taught remotely, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 2.

In the following phase, all vocational and technical students will be taught in-person for academics in grades 9 and 10 as part of a hybrid model, and grades 11 and 12 will be taught remotely. That phase is scheduled to take place from Oct. 13 to Oct. 16.

Beginning in October, there will be an A week and a B week schedule. The first A week will begin on Oct. 13 and will be an academic week for grades 9 and 11 and a vocational week for grades 10 and 12; on B weeks, beginning Oct. 19, it will be a vocational week for grades 9 and 1 and an academic week for grades 10 and 12.

In-person classes will meet either four or five days a week, depending on the grade and week.

Regarding the return to school guidelines, there will be self-screening responsibilities, mask and face covering guidelines, physical distancing measures, hand washing and sanitizing rules, and additional precautions through the nurse office will implemented in the upcoming school year.

Pathfinder principal and assistant superintendent Eric Duda said the support he’s received from organizations including the teachers union, who voted in favor to support the plan on Aug. 10th, should be acknowledged.

“I think it’s important they’re highlighted, because that shows how well we’re all working together,” said Duda. “We’re collaborating for the greater good of the students in our school and I

think sometimes that gets lost in some school systems. Our teachers and our administrators, myself and Dr. Paist (Superintendent Gerald Paist) are saying what is best for our Pathfinder students and everyone is rallying around that. That’s what it’s all about.”

He also said he has been getting an “overwhelming amount of positive support from the families as well and these currently guidelines will remain implemented as they continue to rely on the science and data regarding COVID-19 to help them make the best decisions for the staff and students.

Superintendent Paist offered similar sentiments by saying the this play was a “slam dunk” from the very beginning, considering the importance of the school which must continue to serve as a place for students to pick up skills as they prepare for a career after high school.

“Students and parents chose Pathfinder for a couple of really good reasons, and one we like to call the competitive edge,” said “Students are being prepared for the workforce and also being prepared for further education, community college, four year college and even beyond that. There was no choice at all for what our priority had to be, which was to bring the vocational classes back, so the students could produce the equipment, use the tools, get the training they need to lead into the workforce.”

To read the entirety of the 2020/2021 Pathfinder Reopening Plan, visit <https://bit.ly/3h6wRiR>.

## Attorney hired to investigate Morse’s conduct

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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HOLYOKE – As time continues to wane toward the Sept. 1 state primary, the battle between Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse and U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Massachusetts heated up with the start of an investigation by the University of Massachusetts.

Morse has also gone on the attack, accusing the College Democrats who spearheaded the timing of the letter accusing Morse of having inappropriate sexual relationships with students at the school while he was a lecturer at UMass.

Neal’s campaign has denied having any part of the “smear job” Morse is claiming.

Morse believes the letter published by the Daily Collegian, a UMass publication, was done to sabotage his candidacy, and blames Neal’s campaign for its release.

Morse has released a statement admitting to using dating apps to initiate sexual relationships with students, and acknowledged having such relationships with students attending UMass. Multiple times in multiple publications and forums, Morse has denied using his position

of power for sexual gain. He said all his sexual relationships have been consensual and none were with students he was directly teaching.

Natashia Tidwell, an attorney who is a partner at Saul Ewing, Arnstein & Lehr, a Boston law firm, has agreed to launch an investigation on behalf of UMass into Morse’s behavior. She will likely conduct many interviews and will be searching for impropriety and Title IX violations committed by Morse.

It is not clear how long an investigation will take, but it is likely to go well behind the Sept. 1 primary. If Morse is unsuccessful in his campaign, the investigation into his contact will have more local impact in his home city of Holyoke, where councilors are calling for investigations and a couple for his resignation.

Morse said in a public statement last week that he welcomes any investigation and believes any investigation will clear him of any possible wrongdoing. He has denied violating any UMass policies.

Morse was a part-time lecturer



at UMass from 2014 to 2019, teaching political studies. Morse was just 25 years old when he was hired. UMass has announced Morse was not re-hired for the fall semester. The College Democrats of Massachusetts, which wrote the letter in the Daily Collegian, have disinvested Morse

from attending their events in the future.

According to UMass, their policy does not explicitly ban romantic relationships between faculty and students. It does ban relationships between faculty and students in which the faculty member has direct involvement with that student’s education experience at the university, which as being an instructor or even an advisor for an extracurricular activity.

While not banned, student-faculty relationships are “strongly discouraged.”

Neal and Morse were set to meet in debates this week where the issue could come depending on the style of debate.

## HCC receives \$1 million grant for STEM Scholars program

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College has been awarded a five-year, \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation that will enable students majoring in STEM fields to qualify for scholarships of as much as \$6,500 a year toward tuition and fees.

The scholarships are open to current and incoming HCC students enrolled full time or part time in chemistry, biology, biotechnology, environmental science, computer science, engineering, mathematics, physics or other STEM areas of study.

Students selected for the scholarship awards will become part of HCC’s STEM Scholars 2.0 Program. HCC started a STEM Scholars Program in 2015 after receiving

its first five-year STEM grant from the National Science Foundation.

“We are really excited to be re-funded for this program so we can continue and expand the work that we’ve been doing for the past five years,” said Ileana Vasu, HCC professor of math and coordinator of HCC’s STEM Scholars program. “The grant not only provides significant money to students for college but will enable us to focus on culturally relevant practices in STEM that will help us work toward equity in education for all members of our community.”

HCC STEM Scholars are required to complete a one-credit STEM seminar each semester and attend several STEM events each semester they are enrolled in the pro-

gram. The NSF STEM Scholarships continue each semester students remain in good academic standing.

The scholarship application deadline for the 2020-2021 academic year is Sept. 4. Awards will be announced by Sept. 8, the first day of classes of the fall 2020 semester.

Applicants must be enrolled in a STEM program, demonstrate academic ability or potential, and demonstrate financial need. Full eligibility guidelines for the NSF Scholarship in STEM can be viewed at [hcc.edu/stem-scholarship](http://hcc.edu/stem-scholarship), where there is also a link to the online application.

For more information, please contact Ileana Vasu at [ivasu@hcc.edu](mailto:ivasu@hcc.edu).

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After receiving their diploma, graduates and families were given the opportunity to take pictures.



Graduates Matthew and Cassandra Dagenais.



Graduates and their families are cheered on as they head home.

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Principal William Metzger also shared his thoughts on this graduation and said it's a "bittersweet" moment.

"We wish it all was the way it always is, but we're happy to do it what we can for the kids and it's great to see them and have the closure," said Metzger.

Throughout the entirety of the graduation, students such as Dagenais and her sibling Matthew Dagenais and were in good spirits and were grateful that the staff put together were grateful this event for them.

"Overall, I think it's a good thing," said Matthew. "Personally, I'm not one to embrace a lot of the normal traditions, so I wasn't really bothered all that much with things being cancelled, though I can empathize with a lot of the other students and how horrible it must have been for them to have to miss out on a lot of things that was promised to them."

Cassandra offered similar sentiments. "I'm just very grateful that our



Submitted photo.  
Monson high school graduates Mia Krupczak, Caitlyn Merrigan and Kayla Yesu.



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden  
Assistant Principal Jill Foulis guiding the arriving cars.

class was able to come together and celebrate again, even though COVID happened during our senior year, it was very unfortunate," said Cassandra. "I'm very glad that we're here today and I'm very grateful."

Assistant principal Jill Foulis, who directed the attendees upon arrival to the graduation area, was also in good spirits and said the result of this event made the preparation for it worthwhile.

"I think that they have proven that adversity doesn't stand in their way," said Foulis. "I hope that the graduates, take with them, that through their four years of college, or their workforce, or whatever they're going that nothing can really stand in their way and nothing really should put a damper on anything that they want to celebrate."

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## HIGH SCHOOL

### New guidance from state would allow fall sports

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – With new guidance out from the state and several of its agencies, it appears there will be an avenue to play high school sports this fall, though a number of them may not be in the form people will be used to.

And “people” may not be allowed to watch them.

Last week, more guidance was issued involving the return to school for students, with Gov. Charlie Baker putting out a new map that uses a traffic signal system to deem certain communities at low, moderate, or higher risk for coronavirus positive test rates.

Baker further recommended that the majority of communities, which are in either the green or alternate white category with almost no positive tests in the past two

weeks, should return to school full time.

Only two Western Mass. communities were labeled as “high-risk” in Granby and Holyoke. It is not known if Baker and state health officials or the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will use the map to exclude school districts in high-risk communities from being able to play.

Meanwhile, the MIAA’s COVID-19 Task Force, the Sports Medicine Committee, and other agencies are working with the state to make modifications to certain sports in order to be able to have contests this fall.

Among the sports that are likely to be played are field hockey, cross country, golf, and girls volleyball.

The sports will have to be played with various social distancing and mask requirements, such

as for coaches, officials, and players on the bench. There will also be contact restrictions and other modifications these sports will have to adopt in order to have contests. The exact modifications will be determined in the next few weeks.

One thing that will not happen is the return of sports before students return to school, in whatever form that is.

The MIAA will vote on a recommendation from the Sports Medicine Committee not to start practices until school has started.

“We determined that it did not really make sense to have extracurricular activities before getting the kids back in school,” said one committee member.

As of now, Sept. 16 is a date that has been floated around for a start to practices. This could still put the start of contests around Oct. 1. Teams would likely play a

modified season with fewer games, something that was going to be attempted with spring sports before the governor shut down schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

One sport that may not be played, however, is football.

Because of the amount of close contact, many modifications to the game have been recommended, including no tackling or otherwise any contact. It is essentially being suggested that Massachusetts schools play touch-only football this fall.

The MIAA is considering a number of possibilities, including deferring the season to a point in the year where it could be played with fewer restrictions.

All of the committees will be meeting in the near future to discuss the most recent guidance from the state.

## SOCCER

### Soccer moved to ‘moderate risk’ category

*With the change, soccer could be played this fall with modifications*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – At the beginning of the summer, soccer, basketball, football, and lacrosse were deemed “high-risk” sports.

These determinations were made at the beginning of July, when Phase 3 of Gov. Charlie Baker’s re-opening plan started.

The designation banned any type of contests from being played, an only allowed for non-contact, socially distant workouts.

Now, soccer has been quietly moved to the “moderate risk” category, paving the way for games in one of the most popular sports in the region to be played.

Last year, Western Massachusetts was well-represented in the state finals, with Westfield, South Hadley, Belchertown all being represented. South Hadley girls, and Belchertown boys soccer both were state champions and were looking forward to defending those titles this fall before the pandemic stopped sports from being played.

Because of the original Phase 3 determinations, the Pioneer Val-

ley Summer Soccer League was unable to play games, eliminating any chance for area high schoolers to prepare for the fall season. However, if the MIAA makes a determination for what sports will play and when, it could open the door for captains practices to take place provided the players follow the rules.

This fall was supposed to be the final Western Mass. tournament sponsored by the MIAA before the system goes to a statewide tournament.

A proposal for a Western Mass. tournament sponsored by the PVI-AC has been placed on the back burner until the pandemic is over.

The state was scheduled to make public some of the guidance for return to play for soccer this week. The MIAA’s COVID-19 Task Force, Tournament Management Committee, and Sports Medicine Committees will all make recommendations to the MIAA Board of Directors on the best way to proceed for soccer once all the guidance has been issued and has an opportunity to be evaluated for feasibility.

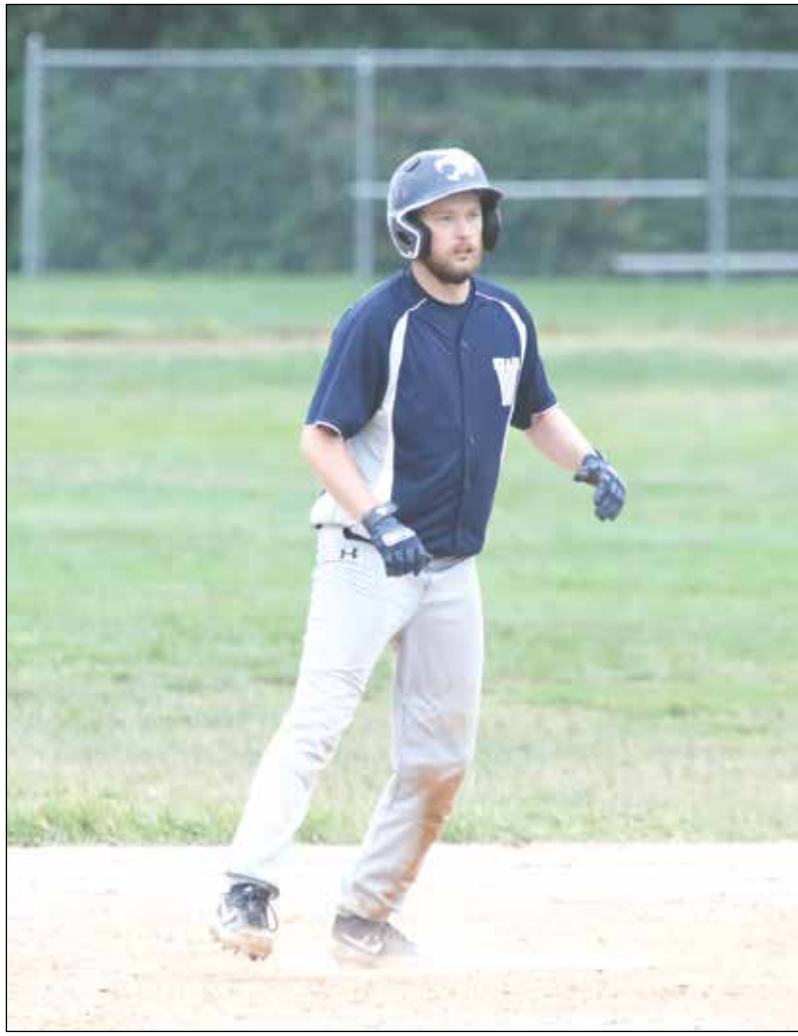
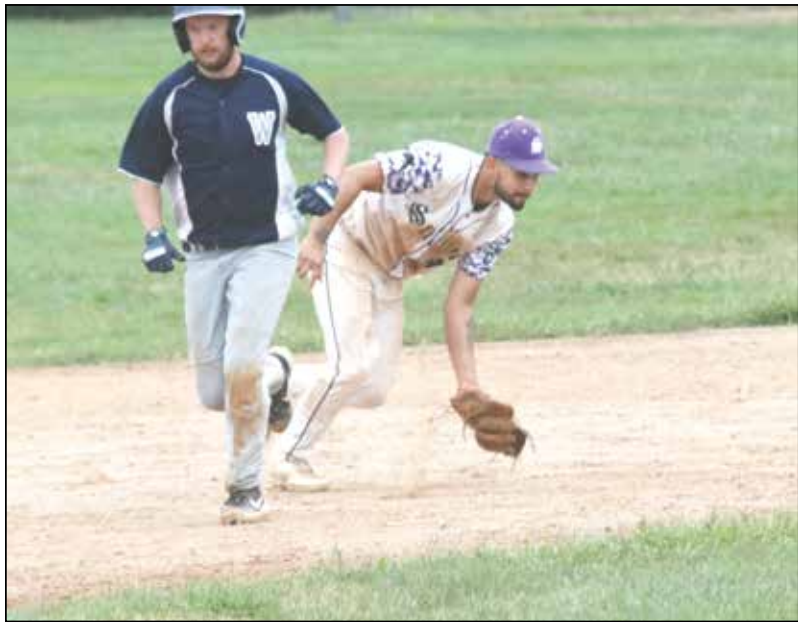
With the current timeline in place, it is likely the soccer season, typically 16-18 games in Western Massachusetts, will be reduced to 10-12 games and could be limited to certain geographic areas to limit travel.



## Baseball action

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

The Western Mass. Wood Bat League, an age 25-and-over league that typically plays from April through August followed by fall league in September and October, was able to start playing in early July and has remained in action since the beginning of Phase 3. Last Sunday morning, the Sultans and Wildcats played a close game at Whitney Park in Ludlow, with the Wildcats prevailing 4-3. Players in the league come from all over the Western Mass. region.



## GOLF

### Owl Tournament raises funds for WSU sports

WESTFIELD – The 14th Annual Owl Club Golf Tournament brought together Westfield State athletics alumni, parents, coaches and sponsors for a day of fundraising and fun at the Ranch Golf Club on Monday, Aug. 3.

Westfield Bank served as the lead sponsor of the event, joined by Whalley Computer Associates, Barnes and Noble College Bookstores, and Real Dry Waterproofing.

A group that included football alumni Wayne McGillicuddy, Eric Washburn, Dan Letteriello and friend Corey Nevins won the tournament with a 13-under par 59. The group eagled the first hole after McGillicuddy hit an approach shot two inches from the cup, and never looked back en route to the standout round of the day.

Women’s lacrosse coach Jeff Pechulis’ group took second with

a score of 60, partnering with Peter Clark, and lacrosse parents Paul Barrett and Sean Gearin. They won a match of cards with a group featuring alumni Jack Mosko, Matt Barry and Richard Joseph.

Current Owls’ baseball player Sean Moorhouse topped the men’s long drive competition on 16, and Katie Sylvain won the women’s long drive. Don Cretella and Jack Sheerin won the closest to the pin contests.

A total of 22 groups and 88 players registered for the event, which was held in a slightly different format in order to make concessions to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

“We moved to a tee-time format to avoid a big crowd at registration, so that the players streamed through in 1’s and 2’s, and many of the players took advantage of our

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## AUTO RACING

### Rameau picks up big Tri Track win

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Sam Rameau used a pass of Ron Silk on lap 72, and looked to be driving off to victory, a caution flag with just four laps to go doubled the field back up. Rameau spun his tires on the restart, but got away, before another quick caution stopped the action.

Although Rameau hit the final restart perfectly, he couldn’t quite get away from Ronnie Williams. Williams, the two-time and defending SK Modified champion at Stafford Motor Speedway, drove deep into turn three, slammed the back of the No. 06 Central Mass Tree machine of Rameau, and lost control. Williams would spin as the car dropped fluid, while the rest of the field rushed to find a way around. Some made it, some didn’t.

Monadnock Speedway NH-TRA Modified regular Brian Robie escaped the final corner carnage to finish second, while Matt Hirschman, a winner at Star Speedway on July 25, finished third.

The final corner was nearly a repeat of the July 5 Tri Track race

at Monadnock. While Rameau took the top spot from Silk on lap 72, and looked to be driving off to victory, a caution flag with just four laps to go doubled the field back up. Rameau spun his tires on the restart, but got away, before another quick caution stopped the action.

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Submitted photo

Brian Robie placed second in the Tri Track race last weekend at Monadnock Speedway

Woody Pitkat drove the Stan Mertz prepared No. 6 to a fourth-place finish, with Anthony Nocella finishing the top-five. Matthew Kimball was sixth, followed by Craig Lutz, Ron

Silk, Carl Medeiros Jr. and Austin Kochenash.

Thirty-one cars attempted to

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online registration, which helped to limit contact and cash handling at the event itself," said Dave Caspole, Associate Director of Athletics. "Each player had an individual cart, all the staff and players wore masks at registration, and we served lunch on the course so that we could avoid having a crowd in any one area. The staff at the Ranch did a great job in helping us set up safe protocols that still let our players come out and enjoy a great day on the course."

"It was great to have a chance to see so many alumni and friends come out to support Owls' athletics," said Caspole. "We will total about \$14,000 raised to support our varsity athletic teams today, which is great considering we had to reduce the field due to the pandemic, and some of our regular participants were not able to travel this year, but we look forward to having a full field again next year if we are back to a more normal mode of operations."

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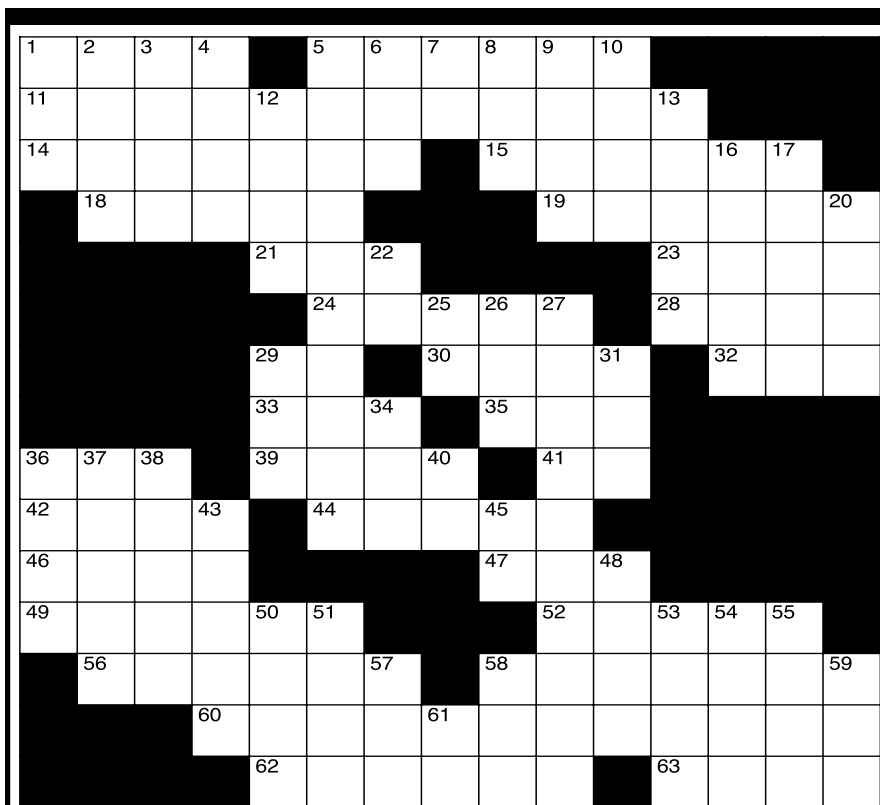
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63. Maintained possession of

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12. American state
13. City in Zambia
16. Good Gosh!
17. Of the country
20. Helsinki district
22. 36 inches
25. Reporters' group
26. The voice of Olaf
27. Explains in detail
29. Tooth caregiver
31. One point south of due east
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58. Simpson trial judge
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hemlock in my backyard. He perched on a branch in full sunlight. His red feathers and black marks on the face stood out in the sunlight.

Great blue heron

I still see a great blue heron at Long Pond in Rutland. He is either near shore or wading in a shallow part of the pond farther from shore.

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qualify for the Monadnock 100, with 26 of them taking the green flag in the feature. Austin Kochenash, Brian Robie, Matt Hirschman and Kirk Alexander picked up an extra \$300 each for winning heat races part of the Pepsi Challenge. Woody Pitkat would collect the Hard Charger award courtesy of Green Construction, a \$500 bonus.

The Tri Track Open Modified Series returns to the track on Saturday, October 24, with the series debut at Stafford Motor Speedway in Connecticut. The announcement of the Stafford event was made on Saturday in the drivers meeting. The Stafford Springs Modified Classic will round out the 2020 slate for Tri Track.

For more information on the Tri Track Open Modified Series, visit tritrackmodifieds.com and follow the series on social media.

**RESULTS:** Tri Track Open Modified Series; Monadnock Speedway; August 15, 2020:

1. Sam Rameau
2. Brian Robie
3. Matt Hirschman
4. Woody Pitkat
5. Anthony Nocella
6. Matt Kimball
7. Craig Lutz
8. Ron Silk
9. Carl Medeiros Jr.
10. Austin Kochenash
11. Les Hinckley
12. Matt Swanson
13. Tommy Barrett
14. Ronnie Williams
15. Richard Savary
16. Kirk Alexander
17. Dave Sapienza
18. Cameron Sontag
19. TJ Bleau
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# Paik wins Amateur golf championship

ESSEX – Allison Paik, 18, of Ledgemont Country Club, has defeated Anne Walsh, 18, of The Country Club, by a score of 7&6 to win the 117th Massachusetts Amateur Championship following Friday's 18-hole Championship Match at Essex County Club in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts. It's the largest margin of victory in the Championship Match in the past decade. Both players have committed to playing for Columbia University's women's golf team.

This is the first Women's Amateur Championship win for Paik, a Sharon resident who graduated Wheeler School in Providence. Paik never had to play all 18 holes in her four match play contests. She played a combined 56 holes in those matches, winning 25 of them. Walsh, of Jamaica Plain, finished runner-up for the second consecutive year. Last year, she lost to Angela Garvin in the Championship Match, 4&3. This year, she won Mass Golf's Outmet Memorial Tournament champion and finished runner-up at the Massachusetts Girls' Junior Amateur Championship.

In Semifinal matches this morning,

Walsh defeated Rebecca Skoler (Pine Brook Country Club) in 21 holes, and Paik defeated Mary Mulcahy (Hatherly Country Club), 4&3.

Match Summary: Allison Paik put on a stellar putting performance as she won five holes with five birdies on the front nine, including three of the first four holes. She needed to play just three more holes to close out the match. On the 12th hole, Walsh overshot the green and missed her par attempt. That allowed Paik to chip on and then make her par putt.

President's Cup: Alexandra Pool (Pine Brook Country Club) won the President's Cup for the first time. Pool, 15, a Boston native, defeated Wellesley's Pam Kuong (Charles River Country Club), 2&1, closing the match out with a par on the 17th hole. Kuong, 59, won the 2019 Mass Golf Anne Marie Tobin Women's Player of the Year Award. The President's Cup consisted of players who finished 17-32 in stroke play qualifying, which took place Tuesday and Wednesday. The Championship Flight featured players seeded 1-16.

## Volleyball hall induction cancelled

HOLYOKE – The Board of Directors of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Hall of Fame Induction Celebration due to safety concerns for the international event that takes place at venues in Holyoke and throughout Western Massachusetts.

"Induction weekend is a celebration of our sport and its greatest legends, and while we are disappointed to cancel this incredibly special event, the Board of Directors' overriding concern is the health and well-being of those who travel from all over the world to celebrate with us," said IVHF Executive Director George Mulry.

This will be only the second time since the first induction was held in 1985 that the annual celebration will not be held. There will not be a designated induction Class of 2020. Instead, the IVHF will recognize its next class of inductees

in the fall of 2021.

"We looked at every possible option to hold the event in 2020 including hosting a virtual Induction but it was clear that the right decision was to cancel," stated Mulry. "Most importantly, we strive to honor the inductees in the proper way they are most deserving of. Our next Induction Class should enjoy the same wonderful experience in the Birthplace of Volleyball as previous classes and they will have that opportunity next Fall."

There is still one major event on the IVHF calendar for 2020. The Nationwide Charity Ride & Run, a collection of virtual bike and running events along with in-person Motorcycle rides will take place across the U.S. September 12-13, 2020. For more information on the Nationwide Charity Ride & Run please visit [VolleyHall.org/NationwideRide](http://VolleyHall.org/NationwideRide).

## Baseball clinics to take place in August

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the John Murphy Youth Baseball League will be conducting baseball clinics. To sign up for the clinic, please contact Coach Terry Murphy at [tmurphy1hcc@comcast.net](mailto:tmurphy1hcc@comcast.net).

Clinics will follow all of the board of health requirements regarding masks, spacing and cleaning of equipment. Players with their own bats and helmets or catcher's gear are encouraged to bring to the clinic.

Potential Baseball Clinics Schedule  
All clinics to take place at Mackenzie Field

Free of charge for Holyoke residents, \$10 for non-residents  
Wednesday, August 12 1 0 a.m. – 12 noon (age group 7-10)  
Wednesday, August 12 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 14-17)  
Thursday, August 13 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 11-13)

Monday, August 17 10 a.m. – 12 noon (age group 7-10)  
Wednesday, August 19 10 a.m. – 12 noon (age group 11-13)  
Wednesday, August 19 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 14-17)  
Thursday, August 20 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 7-10)  
Wednesday, August 26 10 a.m. – 12 noon (age group 14-17)  
Wednesday, August 26 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 11-13)

Clinics will be run by former Holyoke Community College baseball coach Terry Murphy. He will be assisted by Bob Prattico, former Holyoke Catholic coach, Mike Afflito, Smith Academy coach, and Mike Prattico, Amherst High School coach. Added to the coaching staff is Dioni Soriano Bello, a former player in Japan and Latin America. They will also be assisted by several former high school players as well. A trainer will also be on hand for each session!

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Holt, James P.**  
Died July 29, 2020

**Mathieson, Christopher**  
Died July 17, 2020

**Richardson, Vernon Peter**  
Died August 13, 2020

**Russell, William M.**  
Died August 14, 2020  
Private Burial

## O B I T U A R I E S

*James P. Holt, 69*

James P. Holt formerly of Belchertown, Massachusetts, passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2020 in Davenport, IA.

A celebration of life was held Friday, August 7, 2020 from 4pm-8pm at the Keppy 4-H Hall, located on the Mississippi Valley Fair Grounds. A private graveside service for the family will be held at Holy Cross Polish National Cemetery in Ware.

James Holt was born on March 22, 1951 in Palmer, Massachusetts to Cliff and Helen Holt. He moved to Davenport, IA in 1970 to attend Palmer College of Chiropractic. He was united in marriage to Patricia Conrad on August 2, 1975.

Jim had the entrepreneurial spirit by owning a trucking,

snow removal company and later owning a video store alongside his wife Pat.

James, better known as Big Jim or Pops appreciated a good flannel and a trucker hat. He always had a passion for muscle cars and mechanics & held his 1967 Chevrolet close to his heart.

Daily, he would enjoy a cup o' joe, a smoke, and several stories. They were never short but came with plenty of laughs. If you shared stories, then there was a good chance he gave you a creative nickname & that would be how he remembered you for future conversations!



Survivors include, his wife Patricia Holt, Son James P. - Jimmy jo (Amy) Holt, Davenport, IA, Daughters Holly - Hoop (John) Lischer, Park View, IA,

Heather Holt - Boo, Davenport, IA, and Heidi Holt - Heidi Ho, Davenport, IA and 10 grandchildren along with siblings, Geri Walter (Doug), Clifford Holt (Susan Staples-Holt), Barbara Holt Hussey and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister Christine Leduc, his parents Cliff & Helen Holt; and son Joey Holt. May they rest in peace.

*Christopher Saletnik Mathieson, 53*

Christopher Saletnik Mathieson died of cancer on July 1, 2020 at his home in Culver, Indiana with his loving sister and daughter at his side. He was born in Ware, Mass. On July 3, 1967 and was predeceased by his father Michael Saletnik. He is survived by his mother, Joan Martowski, Saletnik, Sporbert. Chris leaves his daughter Haley, his brother James, sister Colleen and husband Craig Parker and three nephews, Evan Adam and Aaron.

On his mother's side he

leaves his aunt Jean and David Wojcik, his aunt Ann and Wes Liu, his uncle Joe and Diane and his uncle Stan and Barbara. On his father's side he leaves his aunt Beckie and aunt Rosie. He had many cousins.

Chris earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Technology and his masters in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan



University. He worked at Da-Lite screen as a senior design engineer.

Chris enjoyed coaching youth soccer and won multiple league and tournament championships. He was a lifelong firearm enthusiast

Chris was a loving father to his daughter Haley and will be terribly missed by his family and friends.

*Peter Thomas Richardson, 40*

VERNON – Peter Thomas Richardson, 40, of Vernon passed away suddenly on August 13, 2020. Although he left us too soon, he has been reunited in Heaven with his brother, Todd Michael Richardson, who was his best friend.

Peter was born August 12, 1980 to Arthur "Buddy" Richardson Jr. and Kristine Richardson Ballou.

Peter lived his life on his own terms, always on the edge. His life accomplishments included ownership of Stampede Steakhouse, Prestige Pool and Spa Company, as well as Richardson Enterprises, a custom agricultural and Construction Company. Pete's true passion

was racing. He grew up within a motocross family transitioning into racing sprint cars. One of Pete's proudest achievements was working long and hard to fund his sprint car career, as a member of Patriot Sprint Tour and the Empire Super Sprints. He was the 2019 Dash Series Champion and multi-times award winner of "Best Appearing car on the Patriot Sprint Tour."

Pete is survived by his mother and stepfather Kristine and Ed Ballou, father and stepmother Arthur "Buddy" and Dawn Richardson, two sisters, Emma and



Clara, girlfriend Beth Macie and his best friends "Turbo" and "Otto".

A drive-though viewing will be held at the Richardson Farms, located at 5959 Skinner Road, Vernon Center, NY, 13477 on Wednesday, August

19, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making contributions in Peter's name to The Hemophilia Federation of America, 999 North Capital Street, NE, Suite 201, Washington, DC, 20002. Online condolences may be sent to maleckifuneralhome.com

*William M. Russell, 88*

William M. Russell, age 88, departed this earth on Friday, August 14th, after a brief illness. The second oldest of six children (Anne Marie, Maureen, Robert and pre-deceased by David and John), Bill was born in Holyoke to William D. Russell and Helen Fenton. He moved as a young child to Belchertown where he lived until 2019. Bill was a devoted husband to his wife Shirley Barbara (Fleurent) for 52 years until her passing in 2011. Bill was a loving father to his three children & their spouses, daughter Barbara Russell-Childs & Edward Childs of Norton, daughter Rosanne Russell & Scott Burns of Wakefield, and son William J. Russell & Sara Russell of Shrewsbury. Bill was the star storyteller at every holiday family gathering, regaling the family with tales of growing up on a small-town farm, of Irish immigrant grandparents, life during

his military service, and thoughts on the politics of the day. In addition to his quick wit, absolute kindness and a sense of humor, Bill was a brilliant man with a keen mind for polymer chemistry and a propensity to always have an index card & pen in his breast pocket. After proudly serving our country as an Air Force Navigator for two years, he earned his bachelor's in science from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and was an Executive Chemistry/Laboratory Manager for Johnson & Johnson, and later an Executive Textile Manufacturing Manager for Facemate Corporation in Chicopee. While working full-time and raising a family, he obtained both his Master's degree and his PhD from the University of Connecticut in



Storrs. Bill was a dedicated public servant; he served as a long-term member and past Chair of the Belchertown School Committee from the 1970s to the 1990s. Bill dearly loved Belchertown and the people in it. He especially enjoyed the

friendships made with his Aerobics Swimming group in recent years. Bill's legacy of life will be carried on by his children and grandchildren who brought him true joy: Skyler Burns, Cara & Cate Childs, and Will & Evelyn Russell. The family will celebrate Bill's life at a private burial to be held at Quabbin Cemetery, Ware. We will always carry Bill Russell's memory in our hearts, and may the angels protect him until we meet again.

## Police/Fire

## Police Logs

## PALMER

*The Palmer Police Department made five arrests or summons from Aug. 11 to Aug. 18. Those arrested will appear in the Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.*

## Friday, Aug. 14

Justin Michael Carrigan, 32, of 38 Morse Ave. Apt. #B, Ware, was arrested at 5:07 p.m., on Old Warren Road in Palmer, for operating under the influence of liquor of negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

## Saturday, Aug. 15

Ashley J. Papuzynski, 32, of 2116 Calkins Rd., Three Rivers, was arrested at 7:38 p.m., in the area of North Main Street and Orchard Street in Palmer, for operating a motor vehicle after license or right to operate suspended; possession of a Class A drug and possession of Class B drug.

Robert E. II Beaulieu, 56, of 3044 Main St., Bondsville, was arrested at 10:32 p.m., on Palmer Street in Bondsville, for possession/consumption of an open container of an alcoholic beverage; negligent operation of a motor vehicle' a marked lanes violation and operat-

ing a motor vehicle with suspended license.

## MONSON

*The Monson Police Department made 10 arrests or summons from Aug. 9 to Aug. 15. Those arrested will appear in the Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.*

## Sunday, Aug. 9

Mathias C. Woloshchuk, 23, of 180 Stafford Rd., Monson, was arrested at 7:00 p.m., for two counts of possessing a Class B drug and possession to distribute a Class D drug.

Zackary Fuller, 26, of 281 Baptist Hill Rd., Palmer, was arrested at 7:00 p.m., for possessing a Class A drug; a marked lanes violation and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

## Monday, Aug. 10

Joey E. Butler, 27, of 103 Providence St. Apt #3, Worcester, was arrested at 2:50 a.m., for a marked lanes violation; failing to stop for a red lens/stop sign; operating under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

## Wednesday, Aug. 12

Julie Ann Palmere, 34, of 6 Grandview Ter., Monson, was arrested at 5:44 p.m., for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; dump from MV and operating a motor vehicle without authority.

Tisha Lee, 36, of 74 Elm St., West Springfield, was arrested at 5:44 p.m., for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; attaching plates to a motor vehicle and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

## Friday, Aug. 14

William Wagher, 24, of 5 Orchard St., Palmer, was arrested at 12:52 a.m., for an unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; a marked lanes violation; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; operating under the influence of liquor and an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

## Saturday, Aug. 15

Thomas J. Gaylor, 37, of 88 Bulat Dr., Springfield, was arrested at 11:48 p.m., for an unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and having no inspection sticker.

## Fire Logs

## PALMER

*The Palmer Fire Department responded to 15 calls from Aug. 12 through Aug. 18.*

On Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 11:23 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Boston Road. The department returned to service at 11:53 a.m.

On Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 3:33 a.m., the department responded to a call that was dispatched and cancelled en route on Dublin Street. The department returned to service at 3:35 a.m.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, at 1:09 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Breckenridge Street. The department returned to service at 1:48 p.m.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, at 3:07 p.m., the department responded to an RV Fire on Bennett Street. The department returned to service at 4:50 p.m.

On Friday, Aug. 14, at 1:31 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 2:11 a.m.

On Friday, Aug. 14, at 3:44 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Stimson Street. The department returned to service at 4:32 p.m.

On Friday, Aug. 14, at 10:42 a.m., the department provided station coverage to the Wilbraham Fire Department on Boston Road. The department returned to service at 11:49 a.m.

On Friday, Aug. 14, at 3:44 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Stimson Street. The department returned to service at 4:32 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, at 12:00 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Searle Street. The department returned to service at 12:20 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, 5:02 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on River Street. The

department returned to service at 5:47 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, at 7:31 p.m., the department responded to a structure fire on Hill Street. The department returned to service at 8:39 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 16, at 9:50 a.m., the department responded to an off-road vehicle fire on Wilbraham Street. The department returned to service at 10:29 a.m.

On Monday, Aug. 17, at 3:10 p.m., the department responded to a lockout on Walnut Street. The department returned to service at 3:40 p.m.

On Monday, Aug. 17, at 6:37 p.m., the department conducted a rescue on Breckenridge Street. The department returned to service at 7:08 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 4L57 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with an extrication on Ware Street. The department returned to service at 5:55 p.m.

## BONDSDVILLE

*The Bondsville Fire Department responded to five calls from Aug. 11 through Aug. 17.*

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 1:14 a.m., the duty officer provided public assistance on Hillside Drive. The duty officer returned to service at 1:40 a.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 10:08 a.m., the department responded to an alarm system activation on First Street. The department returned to service at 10:26 a.m.

On Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 5:02 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide activation on Main Street. The department returned to service at 5:30 a.m.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, at 3:11 p.m., the department provided mutual aid for a camper fire at Fenton



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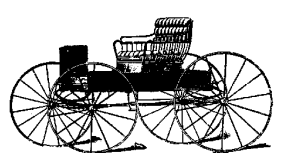
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## LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapt. 131, s.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday August 26, 2020 at 7:45 P.M. REMOTELY.** Under consideration is a Request for a Determination of Applicability to determine if the work associated with placing 2 bridges across wet areas on an existing cart path at Flynt Park, 25 Park Road, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The Applicant, Louis Desy on behalf of the Eagle Scout Project, filed the request.

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## LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapt. 131, s.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday August 26, 2020 at 8:15 P.M. REMOTELY.** Under consideration is a Request for a Determination of Applicability to determine if the area depicted is subject to the WPA and if the boundaries depicted on the plan are accurately delineated at 35

Washington St. The Applicant and property owner, Richard Kevin Hicks, filed the request.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department Hampden Division

**Docket No. HD03P18389TP1  
NOTICE OF  
TRUSTEE'S ACCOUNT**  
To all persons interested in the estate of **LORRAINE BROWNE** of Palmer, Hampden County, MA a protected person.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the Twenty-eighth and Final Account(s) inclusive of T.D. Bank, N.A., Trustee under a written instrument for the benefit of said LORRAINE BROWNE has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Springfield on or before the **September 8, 2020** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for

the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said accounts. If you desire to object to any item of said accounts, you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of said Court at Springfield this 10th day of August 2020.  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
8/20/2020

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department Hampden Division

**Docket No. HD07P177931GR1  
NOTICE OF  
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To all persons interested in the estate of **CHRISTINE DAVIES** of Palmer, Hampden County, MA a protected person.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P.

Rule 72 that the Fourteenth account(s) inclusive of T.D. Bank, N.A., Trustee under a written instrument for the benefit of said **CHRISTINE DAVIES** has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Springfield on or before the **September 9, 2020** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said accounts. If you desire to object to any item of said accounts, you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of said Court at Springfield this 10th day of August 2020.  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
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## LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapt. 131, s.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday August 26, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. REMOTELY. Under consideration is a Request for a Determination of Applicability to determine if the work associated with removing trees and brush to stump level to maintain an existing water line, on the embankment abutting the East side of Rt 32 at 152 Bethany Road, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The Applicant, Monson Water & Sewer Dept. filed the request.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

## Docket No. HD20P0875EA Estate of: Maurice Patrick Powers Also known as: Maurice P. Powers Date of Death: 03/22/2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Donald J. Powers** of South Hadley, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Donald J. Powers** of South Hadley, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/01/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 04, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
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## Town of Brimfield Planning Board

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the Brimfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing, on the following:

**Public Hearing Notice**  
The Brimfield Planning Board will be holding a Site Plan Review

Public Hearing for Webber Road LLC for the proposed project of a commercial building/marijuana retail establishment which is located at 275 Sturbridge Road (parcel id: Map #15 Block# A, Lot 6) on **September 2, 2020 at the Brimfield Town Hall (21 Main Street) at 8:30 p.m.**

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Brimfield Planning Board or appear at the time and place designated above. A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Board Office in the Town Hall, please call 413-245-4100 x1153 or email [planning@brimfieldma.org](mailto:planning@brimfieldma.org).  
8/13, 8/20/2020

## HCC announces new programs for fall semester

HOLYOKE – Cannabis cultivation, beer and cider brewing, and winemaking are just a few of the new academic programs being offered this fall at Holyoke Community College.

All three were developed as one-year, 24-credit certificate programs through the college's Sustainability Studies department.

"As the cannabis industry has moved into Holyoke and other area towns, a number of the owners of these enterprises are asking for trained employees," said Kate Maiolatesi, chair of HCC's Sustainability Studies program. "Estimates for new cannabis jobs in the region range as high as 1,500."

One new course, Cannabis Today, provides knowledge of the growing part of the industry. Other requirements for the certificate include classes in agriculture, marketing and entrepreneurship.

Maiolatesi said the college also developed the brewing and winemaking certificates with an eye on expanding industries. Another new course, Fermentation Science, explains the scientific processes of fermentation as it applies to both brewing and winemaking.

This fall, HCC is also unveiling new certificate and associate degree programs in a range of other academic areas, including behavioral neuroscience (degree), critical social thought (degree), geoscience (degree), child development (certificate), mental health (certificate), and veterinary assistant (certificate).

"Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, HCC continues to be innovative in creating new courses and programs that will set students up to either immediately enter the workforce or prepare them for transfer to four-year schools," said Rachel Rubinstein, HCC vice president of Academic and Student Affairs.

The fall semester at Holyoke Community College begins Tuesday, Sept. 8.

HCC also has two sessions of accelerated, full-credit, late-start classes this fall for students looking for more flexible academic schedules: Late Start I (12-week courses beginning Sept. 28), and Late Start II (7-week courses beginning Oct. 28). All fall courses conclude by Dec. 16.

All classes are being offered this fall in one of three formats: Online, Blended Remote, and Blended Face-to-Face.

Online courses follow a traditional, asynchronous online model with coursework deadlines established by instructors.

Blended Remote courses have both asynchronous online components combined with scheduled class meetings via video conference platforms such as Zoom.

Blended Face-to-Face combines Blended Remote with some in-person instruction on campus. This format is limited to culinary arts and health science programs that require clinical assessments: nursing, radiologic technology, veterinary technician, and medical assistant.

"For students who might be reconsidering where they want to go to college this fall, HCC offers a university-caliber education for a fraction of the price," Rubinstein said.

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# MassDOT develops new Mobility Dashboard

Dashboard provides a collective platform to provide real-time multimodal data

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the release of the new Mass-

DOT Mobility Dashboard. This dashboard is another resource for members of the public to visualize, analyze, and monitor data collected by MassDOT to better understand the effects of COVID-19 on the Commonwealth's transportation network. MassDOT is continually monitoring the impacts of COVID-19 on roadways, transit services, and Registry transactions.

The dashboard is an interactive roundup of key indicators that primarily reflect how much people are traveling, how they are getting around, and where they are going throughout the Commonwealth. This data is updated weekly, with the date of the last update displayed prominently at the top of the page. "This dashboard is just one of the ways that MassDOT is compiling and monitoring transportation data," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack. "Having one central location to access and analyze the impacts of COVID-19 increases public accessibility."

While MassDOT is not the only state transportation agency in the U.S. that has developed COVID-19 related mobility dashboards (see Vermont, Utah, Washington State), the MassDOT Mobility Dashboard succinctly organizes a variety of multimodal data about movement in the Commonwealth that covers a wide range of topics all in one place. Topics include traffic volumes, transit revenue, safety and more. The dashboard is a valuable resource for all stakeholders and enthusiasts of Massachusetts' transportation network.

## CAMPUS NOTES

### Monson resident receives degree from Simmons University

BOSTON – Allyson Jarvis of Monson recently earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology magna cum laude from Simmons University in Boston.

### Local residents named to Simmons University Dean's List

BOSTON – The following local residents were named to the 2020 spring semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.  
\* Alyssa Cameron, Brimfield  
\* Allyson Jarvis, Monson  
\* Sarah Baruffaldi, Palmer



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